

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application including any Article 19 or 34 Amendments:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-13 (cancelled).

14. (new) Process for the production of a securement bracket comprising, from a single piece, a base plate and a tubular body, characterized by the fact that it comprises the steps consisting in:

- cutting out a sheet steel blank such that it defines a central portion (11) of generally rectangular shape bordered by two lateral portions which comprise a so-called median wing (12, 13) bordered laterally by a flap (16, 17) itself bordered, on the central portion side (11), by a slot (16A, 17A); each flap (16, 17) being provided, on its free side perpendicular to the slot (16A, 17A), with at least one tongue (22, 23) adapted to penetrate into a rectangular opening (24, 25) on the other wing (13, 12);
- bending each flap (16, 17) about a bend line (18, 19) perpendicular to the slot (16A, 17A) so as to render it perpendicular to the adjacent wing (12, 13);
- bending each wing (12, 13) provided with its flap (16, 17) about a bend line (14, 15) parallel to the slot (16A, 17A) and disposed between the slot (16A, 17A) and the central portion (11), so as to render said wings (12, 13) perpendicular to the central portion (11), the tongue (22, 23) being disposed, at the end of bending, in said rectangular opening (24, 25).

15. (new) Process according to claim 14, characterized by the fact that the median wing (12, 13) is disposed between the flap (16, 17) and a leg (26, 27) which prolongs the wing (12, 13) and the central portion (11) and is bent at the same time as the wing (12, 13) provided with its flap (16, 17) about the same bend line (14, 15) so as also to come perpendicular to the central portion (11).
16. (new) Process according to claim 14, characterized by the fact that each flap (16, 17) is provided with two tongues (22, 23) and each wing (12, 13) with two rectangular openings (24, 25).
17. (new) Process according to claim 14, characterized by the fact that each flap (16, 17) is provided with at least one hole (28, 29), the hole (28) of one flap (16) being in line with the hole (29) of the other flap (17) after the last bending.
18. (new) Cutout blank for the production of a securement bracket, characterized in that it comprises a central portion (11) of generally rectangular shape flanked by two lateral portions which comprise a so-called median wing (12, 13) bordered laterally by a flap (16, 17) itself bordered, on the side of the central portion (11) by a slot (16A, 17A0, each flap (16, 17) being provided, on its free side perpendicular to the slot (16A, 17A) with at least one tongue (22, 23) adapted to penetrate into the rectangular opening (24, 25) of the other wing (13, 12).
19. (new) Securement bracket, characterized in that it comprises a base plate of generally rectangular shape

flanked by two lateral portions, in that each of the lateral portions comprises on the one hand a so-called median wing (12, 13) and on the other hand a flap (16, 17), in that each median wing (12, 13) extends perpendicular to the central portion (11) and is connected to this latter by a first bend line, in that each flap (16, 17) is bent about a bend line perpendicular to the first corresponding bend line of the wing (12, 13), in that each flap (16, 17) is provided with at least one tongue (22, 23) which penetrates within a rectangular opening (24, 25) in the other wing (13, 12), and in that the median wings (12, 13) and the flaps (16, 17) constitute a cylindrical body.

20. (new) Securement bracket according to claim 19, characterized by the fact that the median wings (12, 13) are parallel to each other and perpendicular to the base plate, the flaps (16, 17) are parallel to each other and perpendicular both to the base plate and to the median wings (12, 13), which have openings (24, 25) in which are disposed tongues (22, 23) provided at the end of the flaps (16, 17).
21. (new) Securement bracket comprising a base plate and a cylindrical body, characterized by the fact that the base plate (11) and the cylindrical body are of a single piece, the cylindrical body comprising two opposite walls called median wings (12, 13) in prolongation at 90 degrees of the base plate (11) and two other opposite walls called flaps (16, 17) in prolongation at 90 degrees of the median wings (12, 13), which have at least one opening (24, 25) in which is disposed a tongue (22, 23) provided at the end of the flaps (16, 17).

22. (new) Securement bracket according to claim 21, characterized by the fact that each median wing (12, 13) has two openings (24, 25) in which are disposed two tongues (22, 23) provided at the end of each flap (16, 17).
23. (new) Securement bracket according to claim 21, characterized by the fact that a leg (26, 27) prolongs each of the wings (12, 13) and the base plate (11).
24. (new) Securement bracket according to claim 23, characterized by the fact that the leg (26, 27) is of triangular shape.
25. (new) Securement bracket according to claim 21, characterized by the fact that the central portion (11) is provided with at least one opening (20, 21) for example oblong.
26. (new) Securement bracket according to claim 21, characterized by the fact that facing holes (28, 29) are provided in two opposite walls (12, 13 - 16, 17) of the cylindrical body.
27. (new) Process according to claim 15, characterized by the fact that each flap (16, 17) is provided with two tongues (22, 23) and each wing (12, 13) with two rectangular openings (24, 25).